

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UPI) -- WASHINGTON, July 24 (UPI) -- A U.S. lawmaker said he wanted to strip the presidential permit requirement from the Keystone XL pipeline to take politics out of the debate.

Canadian pipeline company TransCanada aims to build Keystone XL from oil fields in Canada to Steele City, Neb. There, it would connect to the existing Keystone oil pipeline that runs to a key trading hub in Cushing, Okla. The company is moving forward with construction of the associated Gulf Coast Project, which would extend to refineries along the southern U.S. coast.

U.S. Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., introduced a bill that would eliminate the presidential permit needed for construction of Keystone XL.

"We need consistency but more importantly, we need to take the politics out of the debate," he said in a statement.

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